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SUBJ: LOCAL MEDIA ON ARMS SALES TO TAIWAN

1. SEVERAL RECENT COMMENTARIES IN THE LOCAL PRO-PRC PRESS
HAVE DEALT WITH A POSSIBLE "ARMS SALES TAIL" TO TAIWAN AFTER U.S.
ABROGATION OF THE DEFENSE TREATY. THE JULY 11 "TA KUNG
PAO" CARRIED THE JUNE 26 "SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER AND
CHRONICLE" ARTICLE ON THE RECENT NSC STUDY WHICH BROACHED
THE SUBJECT OF CONTINUED ARMS SALES AFTER RECOGNITION OF
THE PRC. A "NEW EVENING POST" COMMENTARY OF JULY 9 CALLED
THIS A "DISGUISED VIETNAM FORMULA" IN WHICH RELATIONS ARE
BORKEN, TROOPS WITHDRAWN AND TREATIES ABROGATED, BUT ARMS
ARE STILL SUPPLIED. THE COMMENTARY NOTES THAT THE
"JAPANESE FORMULA" WOULD NOT BE SUITABLE SINCE ARMS TRADE
CANNOT BE VIEWED AS ORDINARY TRADE. THE ARTICLE
ADDS THAT IF THE RUMORS ARE COREECT, IT MEANS THE
U.S. "IS READY TO CHOP OFF THE TREATY TAIL AND REPLACE
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IT WITH A SMALLER SUPPLY TAIL." THE COMMENTARY
CONCLUDES THAT ALTHOUGH IT IS SMALL, IT IS STILL A
TAIL.

2. COMENT: THE INCREASED ATTENTION GIVEN LOCALLY
TO THE ARMS SUPPLY QUESTION MAY INDICATE THE PRC IS
FOCUSING ON A POSSIBLE U.S. NEGOTIATIONG POSITION.

THE "NEW EVENING POST" COMMENTARY SEEMS RELATIVELY
MILD IN ITS COMMENTS COMPARED TO OTHER SHARPER
DISUCSSIONS OF THE CONTINUED US-ROC "TAILS".
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